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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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SUBJEC : REQUIREMENTS FOR LEBANESE VISAS

REF: BEIRUT 0329

1. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY'S PROPOSAL TO GOL REPORTED PARA THREE REFTEL. WE WOULD HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTY WITH ANY REQUIREMENT THAT POST QUOTE RECOMMEND UNQUOTE ISSUANCE OF VISA OR EVEN INDICATE NO OBJECTION INASMUCH AS INDIVIDUAL MIGHT SUBSEQUENTLY BECOME INVOLVED IN ANY OF A VARIETY OF DIFFICULTIES IN LEBANON THAT WE WOULD HAVE NO WAY OF ANTICIPATING.

2. PROCEDURE PROPOSED PARAGRAPH FIVE APPEARS REASONABLE. HOWEVER, IN ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH GOL, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO DESCRIBE VERIFICATION PROCEDURE AUTHORIZED BY 8 FAM 245.3 AND FACT THAT EXISTING LANGUAGE PRINTED IN U.S. PASSPORTS IDENTIFIES INDIVIDUAL AS AMCIT AND REQUESTS THAT AMCIT BE PERMITTED QUOTE TO PASS WITHOUT DELAY OR HINDRANCE UNQUOTE.

3. BY SEPTTEL WE ARE ADVISING SELECTED POSTS IN NEA AND EUR OF LEBANESE REQUIREMENT AND THAT THEY SHOULD NOT RPT
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NOT PROVIDE NOTE RECOMMENDING VISA ISSUANCE PENDING OUT-

COME EMBASSY'S DISCUSSIONS WITH GOL. KISSINGER

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